

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action all of the claims were rejected as being anticipated by the disclosure of the cited Hideki reference, or obvious in view of that reference when combined with the disclosure of the Kayzuki reference (Claims 13 and 14). In response, however, the independent claims of the application have each been amended in a manner which is believed to make the claims patentably distinct over the cited prior art.

In particular, amended independent Claims 1 and 4 require the feature of “said link member being moved by said holding member to move said regulating member” and the feature that “said link member is moved in association with a manual opening operation of said openable and closable cover so that said regulating member is moved to said retracted position by said link member”. In this regard, the cited references do not disclose or suggest in any way these claim requirements as set forth in Claims 1 and 4.

Furthermore, Claim 13 requires the feature that “said link member is moved by the manual opening movement of said openable and closable cover so that said regulating member is moved with respect to said openable and closable cover”. The cited references also fail to disclose this claimed structure as set forth in amended Claim 13.

In summary, Applicants believe that the claims as now presented are allowable over the prior art, wherefore the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3939.

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